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1. US policy concerning aid to Greece--The Department of State has informed US Embassy Athens that no attempt will be made to provide US support for the establishment of a Greek army large enough to seal the northern borders of Greece or to defend Greece against full-scale invasion. The Department indicates that US military aid will be made available to Greece only to the extent required to eliminate large-scale guerrilla activity and thereafter to maintain reasonable internal security. The Department declares that military aid furnished to Greece will be evaluated in relation to the requirements of other countries which are united with the US in resisting Communist expansion. The Department adds that the US will not reduce its assistance below that required to prevent the domination of Greece by Communist elements without giving careful consideration to the impact such a decision would have on overall US objectives.

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